

ISS Fight Surfaces On PLO Stance

by Norm Guthartz
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A group within the International Students Society (ISS), angered at what they feel is politicization of the organization, is circulating a petition protesting the ISS Executive Board's resolution of last semester supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The petition also seeks to bar any future political actions by ISS.

ISS member Costas Alexis, who with fellow member Susan Fox is circulating the petition, said he feels the Executive Board member who proposed and supported the resolution, Mowahid H. Shah, is using the ISS as a platform for his own political views.

This petition is the second one Alexis has circulated. The first came out not long after the Executive Board passed the resolution in November, but no action was taken by the Board.

ISS President Sayed Azimi said the first petition failed to include the ISS membership numbers of those signing. Alexis said he did not see this as a reason for discarding the petition, as the list of signers could be compared to ISS membership files to make sure only members of the Society had signed.

Alexis said four of the 10 Board members were among the approximately 30 signers. He believes most of the Society's members are against the resolution.

A few ISS members told stories of students in favor of the petition who reacted dramatically: One tore up his membership card upon walking into the ISS office. Another, during an informal debate, rose from his seat and angrily declared that he would seek to have the organization's GW charter taken away.

Alexis said one solution to the issue would be to discuss the resolution before a general meeting of ISS members. Alexis claims Azimi had told him in December he would schedule such a meeting at the beginning of this semester. Azimi now denies this.

Alexis was allowed to attend a (see ISS, p. 6)



Fire engines responded to the General Services Administration headquarters across the street from Thurston Hall when a fire broke out there early Friday morning and filled the entire building with toxic fumes. Fire officials speculated that a cigarette butt or match left on a wooden telephone junction box on the second floor of the building ignited the box, starting a fire which spread through the entire electrical conduit system, destroying 300 to 600 feet of underground cable. The

burning of the plastic used in the wiring system caused the poisonous fumes. Many of the firemen who entered the building were overcome by the heavy fumes, which according to one fire official could have caused "serious illness or death." Telephone service in the area of the fire was completely destroyed, but damage was minimal as the fire had started in a corridor empty of offices and used primarily for extra space. (photo by Jeffrey Blondes)

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Med Students Angry At Tuition Rise

by Jane McHugh
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Being rich has now been added to the list of requirements for many students who want to enter or remain in GW Medical School.

Not that it didn't help before. But next year's tuition increase to \$5,000 and a possible further rise to \$12,500 if the University loses its already precarious federal funding after next year makes this year's \$3,200 fee look like a bargain.

"If I had this information last year I probably wouldn't have come to school here," said Peter

Basch, a first-year medical student.

Although two weeks ago the Board of Trustees cited diminishing federal aid as one reason for the increase, Basch said he believes GW had long been aware that federal funds were going to be cut. "We were misled in coming here. And once a student is in med school it's very hard for him to transfer," he said.

GW Vice President for Medical Affairs James Feffer told the *Washington Post* last week that he and Georgetown officials had spent "hundreds of hours" lobbying for additional funds of about \$5,000 per student for the next two

years, "after which it's unlikely we'll get this kind of aid."

The first two years of medical school consist mostly of large lecture classes with little small group interaction. During the final two years, students work in smaller training groups, serving as apprentices to doctors. This low student-teacher ratio is another reason for increased costs.

By the time this semester's first-year student enters his third year of medical training, he will be paying up to 150 per cent more than he is now.

"They're (the Medical School administration) going to be getting all this free labor (as apprentices) when they hit us with this increase to \$12,500," complained student Wayne Blackmon.

Paul Epstein, another first-year student, said he is considering transferring to his state school. He admitted that the \$1,000 maximum grant he obtained from the Health Professions Loan Program was not enough. Epstein said the Medical School administration deliberately deceived the present first-year class by not having alerted them to the possibility of the increases before they decided to come to GW.

"I will definitely look into other alternatives," claimed Linda MacFarlane. She too said she may transfer or perhaps join the National Health Service program in exchange for their paying her tuition. MacFarlane is now receiving \$2,500 of state-guaranteed loans and, since she has completed one semester of medical school, is eligible for an additional \$1,500 grant from the American Medical Association.

Many members of the first-year class feel Med School deceived present first-year class. (photo by Lori Sigler)



Peter Basch

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Paul Epstein

Feels Med School deceived present first-year class. (photo by Lori Sigler)

Cmte. Decides On Cheating, Gov't

by John Buckman
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The Joint Committee of Faculty and Students voted Friday to issue nonbinding recommendations to the upcoming constitutional convention encouraging speed in developing a proposal for the Board of Trustees by this spring.

The unanimous vote on the recommendations came after a motion was raised by Prof. Peter Hill, faculty co-chairman of the committee. "Although the committee does not presume to instruct the convention, it finds the moment appropriate to voice those expectations which have been expressed by and to the committee during the past weeks," the resolution states.

The three-part resolution calls for the convention to "submit its completed handiwork to a student referendum; seek the formal approval of the Board of Trustees...and expedite its own proceedings so that the Board may give final approval to the convention's plan for student government by the end of the spring semester, 1975."

The committee noted the Board of Trustees has only two regular meetings scheduled this spring, on March 20 and May 15. If the convention's work is not finalized and submitted at either of these times, it will have to wait until October, 1975, for consideration by the Board.

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The Joint Committee of Faculty and Students passed and sent to the Faculty Senate for approval Friday a new academic dishonesty policy covering all departments and schools of the University.

The new policy is the result of several years of study by the committee. The present policy which takes up just over 100 words in the University Catalog, has been criticized as ambiguous and inflexible. The new policy will not go into effect until approved by the Faculty Senate.

Prof. Peter Hill, co-chairman of the Joint Committee, said there is a definite need for a "statement to which they [students] can refer." Furthermore, Hill believes there is a need "to alert students to the fact that there is a procedure" for handling academic dishonesty charges.

The new policy makes a distinction between academic dishonesty and incompetence, which the present policy does not. The faculty member who suspects an irregularity must first decide whether a matter such as improper footnoting in a research paper is dishonesty or simply lack of knowledge on the part of the student.

The new policy stipulates that the professor must notify the student in writing of an academic dishonesty charge. If professor and student fail to agree on the

(see DISHONESTY, p. 7)

Suburbanites Find Few Faults At GW

by Jackie Jones
Hatchet Staff Writer

[Ed. Note: This is the second in a series on GW's non-resident student population.]

Jim Morgan tried a year on campus but the food was so bad he moved to suburbia. Freshmen and sophomore residents are obliged to take the meal plan at GW and, according to Morgan, "saying you have to eat that stuff is like saying you have to go to a concentration camp."

One of Pam Twyman's major reasons for staying home and not living on campus is that, as a sophomore, she would have to go on the meal plan. Although living on campus would be a lot more convenient, Twyman will remain at home until her junior year, when she'll move on campus "if there's room."

Most suburban commuters seem to enjoy their detachment from the University and, unlike native Washingtonians, who for the most part felt strong alienation from campus life, suburbanites feel "what you give is what you get."

Asked if GW neglected the needs of commuters, almost all students interviewed, whether long-time Virginia or Maryland residents or out of town students who just decided to live in the suburbs, said campus involvement was an individual thing. One student said many campus activities were not well publicized, and that the Center should have a couple of free bowling days per month to bring in students.

Twyman feels the Center fee should be abolished or at least lowered. "I don't use it unless I'm buying something (at the bookstore), she said. Many commuter students spend little or no time in the Center and those interviewed felt there must be a better way to provide for the building's mortgage than making it part of students' tuition.

While campus costs tend to be a bother, most students agree that



Although they gripe about parking and bus transportation problems, suburban commuters are more receptive than native Washingtonians to campus life, believing they'll get out of it what they put into it. (photo by Cindy Feingold)

transportation costs for suburbanites are generally pretty reasonable. Senior Tom Augherton said that even with the high cost of gasoline it's much more convenient to pay a dollar a day for parking than the 70 cents bus fare one way from Arlington.

Gerald Tracy, who commutes 40 miles round trip from Silver Spring each day, also feels driving is cheaper and more convenient, especially since his Datsun yields 30 miles to the gallon.

Graduate student Daniel Ross complained about non-rush hour bus routes. Commuting to Falls Church, he said, "takes an hour and 15 minutes in non-rush hour and 45 minutes in rush hour traffic" because of the infrequency of the buses. Ross said if public transportation wasn't so poor, it would be easier to consider participating in

campus life.

The major transportation problem cited was parking. Junior Fernando Javier called parking a "big hassle." He said, "I missed class a couple of times while looking for a parking space." Javier said he didn't use the campus parking lots because he wasn't on campus often enough to make it worthwhile.

In an earlier report, native District residents cited ethnic and racial discrimination as the major problem on campus. However, suburbanites interviewed said they found little or no discrimination.

Senior Valerie Awkward said, "Perhaps it (discrimination) does exist, but I haven't had any problems with it."

Many commuters limit their social life on campus to activities with a few close friends. "I'm not really into campus life, but what time I do spend there is with friends over at the fraternities," said Ronnie Garcia.

A lot of the suburban students just don't like the city. "The city gives me a physical headache," said Tracy who enjoys GW but finds city life a pain. His major complaint about GW is that the campus only "has two pieces of green grass." Tracy seldom participates in campus life, except for an occasional dinner with friends or use of the library for study.

Most suburban students questioned chose GW for academic reasons, unlike their District counterparts, many of whom came out of purely financial considerations.

Awkward said GW's atmosphere "helps me think." Tracy thought GW's psychology department was "one of the best in the country." GW's journalism department was so appealing that Augherton transferred schools and changed majors in his senior year. Augherton was also impressed with not losing any credits in the transfer, which will allow him to graduate "on time" in June.

Javier transferred from Howard University because there was "too much social life there." He had worked a couple of summers at GW before transferring, and he feels this has helped him to find the GW community so amiable. Javier plans to attend law school after graduation and feels GW is good preparation, citing the majority of his professors as "pretty sharp."

Morgan came to GW to be "in the middle of government and politics." Morgan, who is originally from Connecticut, also thinks D.C. is "absolutely the greatest," next to New York City, of course. Being so close to the center of the federal government is the ideal life for him, said Morgan. "GW hasn't let me down."

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Job Market

To Be Issue At Seminar

With the rising rate of unemployment among recent college graduates, Kathleen Brewer, People's Union representative at GW, plans a spring teach-in to let students know the problems they face after graduation.

In October, 1972, 5.1 per cent of the work force was unemployed. This figure was almost doubled for June, 1972, college graduates, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Realizing this, Brewer explained the reason for the teach-in. "If people know what to expect, then they can do OK... I think a lot of the anxiety around this school is the result of people not knowing what the alternatives are to the stress that faces them after graduation."

Brewer is in the process of hiring a program director to assist her in developing a more concrete program for the teach-in. Her goal, she said, "would be to help people think about their lives by being more self-directed and setting realistic goals."

The People's Union, a private organization, plans to initiate its program by mid-March. Group discussions and lectures will be the main features of the teach-in, with possibly some job placement assistance.

Students Rap Rising Fees

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class are attempting to combat the decision of the Board of Trustees by forming a committee to find alternative solutions to forestall Radically increasing tuition fees.

According to Basch and Epstein, the committee will examine the possibility of financing the \$1-million Medical School deficit in two or three years instead of one, and push for massive alumni contributions.

After they examine the deficit problem more thoroughly and compile relevant information, Basch and Epstein said committee members will work through D.C. and federal legislatures and lobby for additional funding.

"I see only two choices for GW Medical School," said Basch. "To either become a rich man's school or to close."

Many medical students say they aren't going to sit back and watch tuition rates rise. "We need new programs to work through," said med student Steve Johnson, "Since state schools are a lot cheaper, there's no reason for us to go here. Who can afford twelve thousand dollars?"

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Bookstore Reports No Shoplifting Increase Despite Higher Prices

by Michelle Wesley
Hatchet Staff Writer

Worsening economic conditions in the country have caused a marked increase in shoplifting, as many retail store managers will testify, but GW students have not fought such conditions by shoplifting at the University bookstore, according to manager Monroe Hurwitz.

Book prices increased five to eight per cent last year, and are expected to increase another five per cent this year. Despite price rises, however, Hurwitz felt that because "there has been a change in student's attitudes, there are less attempts at shoplifting."

"Student's attitudes are more serious. They know we're not here to intentionally rip them off, and they are ready to listen as to why we might not have some books," Hurwitz said.

He added that bookstore shoplifting reached its height a few years ago when many students felt that "people are out to get me."

Of the shoplifting that is done, Hurwitz noted, small, inexpensive items are most frequently taken—pens, candy, and notecards, for example. But as small scale as this shoplifting might be, claimed Hurwitz, it is still too much. About one per cent of the bookstore's \$1.5 million annual gross, or about \$15,000, is lost in stolen items.

The bookstore sells books at the publishers' suggested prices or at a 20 per cent mark-up. Profits are turned over to the University.

A random *Hatchet* survey indicated that many students attribute

New CGS Dean

Dr. James Holland has been appointed new Dean for the College of General Studies. Holland will assume the post on July 1.

Holland will replace Dean Eugene Magruder, who is retiring after working in the University since 1966. Holland is currently serving as associate dean of the School of Government and Business Administration.

Holland came to the University from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in 1968. Before working for the IRS, he was employed by the Department of Agriculture as research economist and chief of the Agriculture Research Service.

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instances of shoplifting to the fact that bookstore profits do go to the University.

"The University gets so much money in tuition and housing, that if you have a chance to get something free, why not," one student said.

Although no one admitted to having shoplifted, various students gave reasons for doing it. Not having enough money at the time, the opportunity of taking something without being seen, or just for the "hell of it," were a few of the reasons cited.

Hurwitz agreed that students who shoplift might do so out of resentment of high prices. A few students also might do it "as a lark," Hurwitz said. This reason, he claimed, is much more common among high school students, but is still a factor among a few college students.

The bookstore management has not found it necessary up to this point to install electronic devices for detecting shoplifters. Security includes two guards—one upstairs, one downstairs—as well as the many employees who circulate on the floors.

"If a non-student is caught shoplifting, he is turned over to the Metropolitan Police," said Hurwitz.

If a GW student is caught, he is given the opportunity to appear before the student court, in addition to being booked by police. "Shoplifting is a crime, and if a person is guilty of it, he will have a criminal record, so I'd rather prevent shoplifting before it happens," he said.

Hurwitz sometimes prevents it by asking the person if he intends to buy the unpaid item that he is furtively carrying towards the door.



A GW Bookstore employee stages a shoplifting attempt. Even with steadily rising prices, this is one of the few that goes on. (photo by Cindy Feingold)

Four More Days

Available Signatures For Delegates Dwindle

by Neal Eiseman
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With time running out, as well as the pool of available students to sign delegate petitions, those would-be constitutional convention delegates who have not yet gathered their required 50 signatures have been forced to branch out and seek signatures from students not normally involved in campus politics—grad students and commuters.

Seth Schlanger, who had 32 signatures last week, feels the Center cafeteria is an ideal place to go for mass signatures. "Commuters are more susceptible to sign than people living in the dorms," he said. Schlanger noted that most students living in residence halls had been contacted after the first day of petitioning by delegates going door-to-door.

Pam Meredith, one of 15 del-

egates who has already handed in completed petitions, also felt the Center cafeteria is an ideal place to solicit signatures because "I could go to a table where I knew one person and then end up getting the rest of the people at the table to sign also."

Some petitioners were skeptical as to whether they were able to compile 50 signatures. "It depends on how hard I work on it," said Jerry Tinianow, a Crawford Hall resident pointed out that "there are six delegates and only 150 people in my dorm, so most of their signatures had already been gotten." He has been going to his classes early, announcing that he is petitioning to be a delegate and then passing his petition around during the class period.

Most delegates seemed confident

that all their signatures would be verified by the Student Activities Office (SAO). Any signatures that appear on more than one petition will not be verified. Schlanger spoke for many of the delegates questioned when he noted, "I make people read the paragraph that states that they can sign only one petition."

One delegate, Lisa Slotkin, said she knew some people who had "offered to sign someone else's petition even though they had already signed one." Slotkin does not believe it was done deliberately, though. "These people were just not aware of the rules," she said.

Janet Solov found she repeatedly had to explain the voting procedure because many people "did not know what I was petitioning for or just weren't interested."

Meredith pointed out that only

three students (all grads) had even bothered to read her petition. "They could have been handing their lives away for all they knew," she said.

One delegate, a female, told a male friend she was having trouble collecting her signatures. He took her petition, went to the Center and gathered 20 signatures in the space of half an hour. "He said most of them didn't even look at the name [on the petition]," she recounted.

Tinianow and Dave Mabo, another petitioner, expressed dissatisfaction with the petitioning procedure. "Because a lot of the kids have been hustling to get signatures," said Tinianow, "I'm going to have to start going up to people that I don't know. I don't like doing this because I'll never see these people again and I can't be held accountable to them," he said.

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Editorials

Academic Dishonesty

There are very few standards of moral behavior that nearly everyone at this University would agree to, but, for even those students who fall prey to the practice of cheating in classroom matter, academic dishonesty is inexcusable and not to be tolerated. Unfortunately, however, not everyone is able to live up to even their own moral standards, and cases of academic dishonesty at GW are fairly widespread. What is worse is the fact that the University has done little to minimize the incidence of cheating or to standardize and define the criteria under which a student would be in violation of the academic code.

The Joint Committee of Faculty and Students has drawn up, after years of delay, a new policy to deal with cases of academic dishonesty (see story, p. 1). If approved by the Faculty Senate, and there appears to be no reason to prevent its quick passage, the policy will be a great boon to students and faculty alike.

The present University code, which is only a brief passage in the catalogue, is ambiguously worded and lacking in substance. The new policy makes giant strides in the direction of correcting these inadequacies, as it more clearly defines academic dishonesty and also establishes procedures for both student and professor to follow in cases of suspected violation.

The new policy does not, however, define in anything more than general terms, what constitutes academic dishonesty. The subcommittee which developed the new policy obviously was aware of this gap and intentionally proceeded without further elaboration so that a needed degree of flexibility would be built into the policy. A good deal of flexibility is certainly needed in effectively and fairly administering such a policy, but too little structure does not provide students with guidelines differentiating and spelling out what constitutes academic dishonesty.

The Joint Committee has done a commendable job in raising the issue with a definite policy before the Faculty Senate, but its work is not yet complete. It is necessary for the subcommittee to continue working in order to further define what constitutes academic dishonesty. In the meantime though, it is imperative for the Faculty Senate to quickly act on the policy and to make the new policy widely known and understood for all students and faculty members. At present the 110 words concerning academic dishonesty in the 535 page catalogue are lost and overlooked. Most students are seemingly unaware of its presence. In order that the new policy, with any revisions and clarifications that will hopefully be forthcoming, have the positive effect that it is intended to, it is necessary that all students and professors be aware of its existence.

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McCarthy As an Evangelist

Eugene McCarthy seems to think that he is God. At least that is the impression which I got when the past, present and, one must presume, future Presidential candidate announced His Second Coming. McCarthy was recently at GW to evangelize His new-found religion—Himself.

Now, I have seen a lot of eccentric religions in Washington. My usual reaction is to let Sun Myung Moon and the Jesus freaks consume themselves with pity for my heathenism while accosting me at Wisconsin and M. But Gene actually came onto campus. Attending His speech in the Center Ballroom, where the Rev. Moon feared to tread, I felt as though I were at a massive revival. I asked myself what a nice Jewish boy like me was doing in a place like this as the Rev. McCarthy tried to convert me to His political religion, a fad religion which died some seven years ago.

It seems that Gene wants to become President. So, He tried to tell the good people of GW that He has never left them and that He is very much concerned with what those of us who supported candidates other than McCarthy wanted in '68. The gentleman from Minnesota has a lot to learn.

1968 isn't 1976. No way. The veterans of the 1968 Children's Crusade are nearing thirty. (Remember "Never trust anybody over thirty," gang?) and most of us who are freshman were in sixth grade when Lyndon Johnson announced that he was not in the Presidential race, and Sirhan Sirhan announced the tragic withdrawal of what might well have been America's brightest hope, Robert Kennedy.

So McCarthy came to GW, addressing the students of 1975 as though they were the students of 1968 (and it doesn't generally take that long to graduate this place) and telling us that He was our political savior, resurrected from the political dead, emerging from the "dead" Democratic Party to save us as an "independent." Gene, we don't need you.

Bob Dylan, the perennial poet-philosopher-minstrel of the "young," sang years ago that "the times they are a'changin'." They were then and are now. But they are not changing so much that Gene can enjoy a revival. Nostalgia and insanity are two different things. While the former may be in vogue, I certainly doubt the lure of the latter.

McCarthy did deliver some cogent and worthy criticism of the federal election campaign law of 1974. But rather than attacking specific sections of the legislation and proposing specific amendments, the ex-Senator (whom the Program Board announced in its flyers as an incumbent) delivered a clarion call to return to the "democratic" chaos of an inequitable past system of campaign financing. Sure, the new campaign financing law isn't a panacea. It is merely a less inequitable way than the past system of dealing with an inequitable, though necessary, evil.

Sounding like 1968's General Hershey (then head of the Selective Service), McCarthy called for a reconsideration of the current all-volunteer, "mercenary" army. Mr. McCarthy desires a Hershey-like draft. I wonder how far that would have gotten the self-styled Mr. Clean in 1968.

Gene wants to "finish the work begun in the campaign of 1968" in 1976. I can only wish the eccentric ex-Senator the best. I always reserve a soft spot in my liberal "bleeding heart" for the William Jennings Bryans and Harold Stassens of American politics. It seems that men of that genre, men like Gene McCarthy, always see themselves as peculiarly qualified — more so than any other Americans — to lead this nation. They proclaim themselves saviors who can lead us down the path to political salvation. Anyone with that kind of conceit deserves and receives my pity. He does not deserve and shall not receive my support.

Brad Manson

Womens Rights Revisited

"The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of a tyranny over her."

The above quotation from the manifest of the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848 was an honest and direct reflection of the thoughts of many 19th century women who had begun to recognize the paramount injustices directed against women in American society and the world. Their plea for equality and equal representation under the law remains today an eloquent statement of the important role that women's rights and the rights of all oppressed people in our society play in forcing this nation to live up to its moral responsibilities.

The male sex in this society has undertaken a concerted dominance of the female sex, beginning at birth and ending at death. The institutions formulated and perpetuated by men have actively sought to place women in a lesser, insignificant role, causing the interaction of social and psychological factors to play an at times subtle, often blatant, game of suppression of fifty percent of our people on the basis of sex. The continuance of this process is totally unacceptable in a democracy (or any other form of government) in which the participation of the people in determining the rule of law has until recently completely overlooked the inequalities faced daily by its women. The fact that a great number of women in our society deny the existence of this inequality is a sad example of this oppression at work.

The young male in our culture is indoctrinated with a societal ethic which holds that it is beneficial to know where one is and where one is going. Women are not required, or even requested, to develop the same ethic, and in fact, they meet institutional obstacles when they do so. In other words, the institutions of American society develop the methods for male roles and participation, while those same institutions discourage those results for women.

This is certainly not to imply that the values perpetuated by men are the values beneficial for the society as a whole. In fact, to distinguish those traits commonly associated with men (strength, intelligence, lack of emotion, etc.) is as ridiculous as distinguishing those characteristics commonly associated with women (weakness, irresponsibility, emotion, etc.). It serves no purpose in any discussion of the equalization of roles in our society to delineate characteristics each sex is

purported to possess. Those methods are only useful in the process of oppression, not in that of equality.

It is important to note, however, that the stereotyped roles the sexes play are opposite to one another. The male society values strength, so men should be strong; that same society values rationality versus emotion, so men are said to be rational and women emotional. No human being possesses his or her personality characteristics at birth, but as one begins to live and adapt within one's surroundings, one quickly learns what traits the culture would rather a man or a woman possess.

As one who is about to enter that legally male-dominated institution of marriage, I am being directly faced with the opportunity to put into practice and to understand what the meaning of equality really is. It is time for the establishment of a male manifesto of sorts, proclaiming that equality between the sexes (and equality between all peoples) is truly the beginning of self-understanding.

The men in this nation will never be able to possess truly positive self-images while they continue to suppress 50 percent of the population, just as the white population of this nation will never be at peace with itself while it actively suppresses blacks and other minority groups.

Men's continued suppression of women, women's acceptance of that suppression and the role society's institutions play in the continuance of this sad state of affairs will only perpetuate an increasing inability within ourselves to creatively and successfully deal with the many manifest problems of the future.

Letters & Columns Policy

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Letters to the Editor

Governing Bd. Story Criticized

It is quite apparent that the almost one and a half hours Governing Board members spent with Mr. Shiffrin of your staff were spent in vain. The impression of the Center Governing Board as a weak and powerless committee, whose most significant achievement of the year was changing the beer in the Rathskellar, could not be further from the truth. At several points during the interview, I personally pointed out that the "Beer Issue" was never even brought before the Board. We have more important matters to consider!

Mr. Shiffrin failed to comprehend the complex nature of the Board's work, overlooking the fact that its major power lies in the administration of the Center budget. The development of new facilities and services, as well as the improvement of existing ones, is a direct function of the Board, involving the allocation of Center funds to these purposes. The Constitution does state that the Board shall act as an advisory body to the Center Director, but in reality the two work as a team to provide an efficient overall operation. Mr. Shiffrin's article suggests that the Center Director and Governing Board are adversaries. Again, far from the truth.

The most significant efforts of this year are long-term studies of Center facilities and operation. An in-depth survey of the Rathskellar has been conducted, and recommendations have been made for significant changes in menu, programming, and atmosphere. A Task Force on Building Use has been conducting a survey of the University community in order to analyze building use patterns, with an eye toward broad changes in facilities and services.

This type of work has never been accomplished by past Boards, but the individuals of this year's Governing Board have dedicated themselves to making the Center a lively and exciting "Center of University life."

Our duty is to make university life more comfortable for this com-

BULLETIN BOARD

SOCIALISM FOR BEGINNERS. Classes on Marxism every Wednesday at 7:30 in rm. 409 in the Center beginning Feb. 5. Sponsored by the Young Socialist Alliance. For books and further information come to the YSA table, every Monday on the ground floor of the Center or call Mark at 783-2363.

The East Asian Society will have an important meeting on Wed. Jan. 29 from 12-2 pm, Marvin Center #409. All members + interested persons please attend.

BC RIDES, a non-profit ride service is back. We are seeking volunteers for our public relations campaign to make BC RIDES a vital organization for area students and young people. Those interested please call 676-7283/84.

The University Theatre will present Jean Giraudoux's *The Madwoman of Chaillot* on February 3-8 at 8 pm with a matinee on the 8th at 2:30 pm. General Admission is \$4.00; with Student Identification \$2.00.

The George Washington College Republicans will hold an important meeting on Wednesday night, Jan. 29, at 8:00 in Marvin 426. Featured topics will be the up-coming election and a presentation by the National Right to Work Committee.

ECOLOGY ACTION meets January 30th, Marvin Center room 418 at

munity. It is unfortunate that Mr. Shiffrin's article conveys such a poor and erroneous impression.

Kevin B. Earle
Governing Board Chairman

A funny thing happened while we were preparing to begin a Governing Board Executive Council meeting last Tuesday. An individual walked into our office, sat down, and began to prattle on for almost an hour; occasionally interrupting his monologue with a rhetorical question to keep us interested. Most of what he said appeared in the form of an article under Mr. Shiffrin's by-line in Thursday's *Hatchet*.

While I in no way presume to tell the *Hatchet* how it should conduct interviews, I must protest ignorance and incompetence. Perhaps if Mr. Shiffrin had attended even one of our meetings, or had looked into our work, he might have been able to write his first respectable story. Unfortunately, Mr. Shiffrin's brash preconceptions were better suited by a narrower approach. Most of the quotations were taken out of context, and the meaning of what little we did say was completely distorted.

It is perfectly true that I believe that the change of beers in the Rathskellar was important, but this is only because I occasionally consume large quantities of same. While I appreciate being cited as "several board members," I don't impose my tastes on the rest of the board. (How Mr. Shiffrin arrived at "several" after interviewing two members remains a mystery.) Board members do feel that we perform important work—our handling of a \$1.5 million budget, input into Center operations, scheduling of building hours, assignment of office and rental space, etc. If one of your reporters cares to interrupt another of our meetings, please ask him to do a little research—being on a chopping block is not very pleasant.

John P. O'Mara
Secretary, Center Governing Board

Ford's a Lemon

The American people have already had the misfortune to receive what I consider to be an overdose of incompetence from the man who now holds the lease on 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Our latest Ford is a lemon, unable to avoid tripping over his political feet. His popularity is like a roller coaster minus the big hill—always going up and down,

but never going up very far. His comprehension of political and economic realities is like a bottomless pit, empty as far as the eye can see. It seems that every time he tries to solve a problem he doesn't think, doesn't consult advisors who do think, and doesn't make the right, or even the popular, decision.

Take the energy consumption question. First, the boss was unable to make up his mind as to whether there was a problem. Once he made that decision, it took quite a while for his seemingly feeble brain to evaluate the possible solutions and to institute a program. This procrastination cost the American economy its stability and American taxpayers a large part of their already stretched budgets. Ford's solution does no better. It is an attempt to punish Americans for using oil by stripping another large chunk from their budget. It is logical that taxpayers would find such a proposal objectionable. Its lack of popularity will force Congress into its first showdown with the White House and in the end will probably hinder any realistic solution to the problem.

The economy offers an even better view of the Ford mentality. While the country waited for him to decide that inflation was a problem out of control, the cost of living jumped 12 to 14 percent. When he finally recognized the problem, it had already started to diminish in intensity. It then took our faithful leader several more months to recognize the new crippler of the economy. His constant blindness to the problems has meant an intensification of the damage, and his lack of leadership may mean a depression. The new members of the recently convened 94th Congress have shown that they will not sit back and play by out-of-date rules. They have challenged the leaders of Congress as well as the rules. The only question left is whether this upstart bunch will succeed in challenging a crusified White House. Looking back at past Congresses I have my doubts, but, as it is traditional to say, only time will tell.

In the Thurs., Jan 23 issue of the HATCHET, the Circle K ad under 2) should have read Day Care Center. For further information about the ad call Barry 338-4747.

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Andrew Cowin is studying for his masters degree in business while working for the government, although he has cerebral palsy. (photo by Russ Greenberg)

Pro Palestinian Resolution Challenged

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meeting of the Executive Board Jan. 16. Speaking for close to half an hour, he requested that the board review the resolution. Shah said Alexis' argument became emotional. Alexis insisted he was not given a fair hearing.

According to Alexis, Shah ad-

joined the meeting amidst angry debate, saying, "Your (Alexis) presence in here is unconstitutional, the resolution's passed, the meeting's adjourned." Shah and Azimi contend the resolution had been passed constitutionally, and there is no turning back on the decision.

Shah had delivered a pro-PLO

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C.P. Victim Seeks Masters

by Deb Eby
Hatchet Staff Writer

Andrew Cowin of Silver Spring, Maryland, is a 25-year-old graduate student at the GW School of Business who works part-time for the government. However, Cowin is quite different from most other graduate students here who work part-time — he has cerebral palsy.

"One step at a time will get me anywhere I want to go," Cowin declares. He refuses to let his handicap prevent him from living a full life.

Cerebral palsy, a paralysis caused by damage to brain tissue, has disabled Cowin's right arm. The disease's stiffening effect on muscle movement causes his speech to be periodically garbled and makes smooth, rapid movement difficult. Cowin is aware of his physical limitations, however, and working within his capabilities he is able to live a busy, active life.

Cowin is working toward a Master

of Business degree here after completing his undergraduate studies at GW with a 3.21 cumulative average. Cowin explained that he is earning an advanced degree because "I'm young. If I have an opportunity, I want to be able to take it."

In addition to attending school, Cowin works as a financial assistant at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He is an examiner, the first of a chain of reviewers who check the truth and accuracy of corporate reports before they are sent to shareholders.

Cowin is quick to point out that he has been able to overcome his handicap and reach many of his goals because his parents could afford to give him the special care and encouragement he needed. "Whatever I needed, I got. If I had been born into a less affluent family, I would probably be in an institution now instead of being 'normal.' "

He explained that the handicapped poor face much stronger obstacles. "Most kids don't have the money to start with; they can't buy normalcy."

Doubling the hardship, according to Cowin, is the fact that underprivileged parents often encourage their children to quit school and begin making money as soon as possible. The poor handicapped person who cuts off his education is left with neither schooling nor a job and becomes a dead weight to a poor family. As Cowin explained, "The whole society believes if you can't move your hands, you're nothing. You're pushed aside."

Underprivileged parents often degrade their handicapped children for being useless. "Where would you be if your parents told you you were a nothing?" Cowin demanded. "Parents must create an atmosphere, they must instill an ability to succeed."

Cowin's concern for the plight of the poverty-stricken handicapped

has lead him to become a consultant to the President's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped Poor. The committee refers handicapped poor persons to individuals who help them secure jobs. The committee at present is inactive, a casualty of the nation's economic difficulties.

Cowin also serves as a member of D.C. United Cerebral Palsy Board of Directors. He appeared yesterday on the CP telethon. Cowin said he hopes his television appearance "showed what a handicapped person can do if he's given what he needs."

The Board often works in conjunction with other organizations to aid the handicapped.

As director-at-large of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Association of Retarded Citizens (MARC), Cowin is active in a new program, Group Homes. "It's a halfway house for retarded kids who cannot live alone, but are too normal to be institutionalized." Residents of the halfway house receive the care that they need and as much freedom as they can handle.

An active worker on the behalf of the handicapped, Cowin stressed that too many programs emphasize care rather than useful training for the disabled. "We must switch the emphasis from babysitting them to educating them. It costs more in the beginning but it would be worth it in the end." He strongly believes that proper training would transform many now helpless handicapped people into productive citizens.

Between school work and committee meetings, Cowin spends part of his free time in his Silver Spring apartment pursuing hobbies of cooking and baking. On free days he camps and hikes at Rehobeth Beach.

If his list of activities and interests seems unusual for a handicapped person, a chat with Cowin will reveal that he has no intention of being a less interesting and involved person just because he has cerebral palsy. He says, "Everybody is handicapped, some more than others."

GW and EHA Give Food Course

With the recently enacted new D.C. food law going into effect this April, GW and the D.C. Environmental Health Administration have founded a Food Sanitation Institute which will offer courses to help food operations supervisors deal with the more stringent food handling requirements set up by the new law.

The Institute, part of the College of General Studies, offers classes designed to show food operation's supervisors how to better prevent customers from contracting food-borne diseases. Classes are instructed by professors from GW's Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health.

The new law requires all such supervisors to pass a test on the proper handling of food to be given by the Department of Environmental Services. All have to take the examination by next October.

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GW Outguns Mountaineers, 83-75

by Doug Davin
Sports Editor

The Colonials traveled to Morgantown, West Virginia, Saturday and for the first time in 19 years returned victorious, with their biggest win of the season, a 83-75 decision over the Mountaineers. The victory was the fifth straight for the charging Buff.

Led by the hot shooting of Pat Tallent and the surprising play of Kevin Hall coming off the bench, the Colonials led throughout the second half after taking a 38-35 lead into the locker room at halftime.

GW held off the Mountaineers in the second half despite being in deep foul trouble, as three Buff starters fouled out in a game that saw 53 personal fouls called.

Clyde Burwell picked up his

fourth foul with 14:26 remaining and the Colonials leading 54-46. Hall entered the game and played the best game in his GW career, finishing with 12 points and ten rebounds, both personal highs. Hall also swatted away a number of Mountaineer shots and kept GW's fastbreak running with good outlet passes as GW kept its lead between four and ten points.

Mainly responsible for that lead was the 30 point effort of Tallent who burned WVA from all over the court. Whenever it seemed as though the Mountaineers were about to make a big surge, Tallent would pop in a 20 footer to take away any mounting Mountaineer momentum. Over the last four games Tallent has been averaging 28.3 points per game.

The Colonials were able to put the game out of reach in the final minutes as Burwell returned to the line-up and GW pulled out to a ten point lead before Burwell fouled out in the waning moments.

The first half saw the Colonials zip off to a 10-0 before WVA battled

back to take the lead, 20-18. The Buff, however, managed to regain the lead and never relinquished it thereafter.

In notching their fifth consecutive victory the Colonials, for one of the few times this season, seemed to be mentally prepared for the game.

They suffered only one real lapse midway through the first half from which they were able to recover.

Guard Keith Morris, benched for the Catholic game, did not start against the Mountaineers but saw considerable action coming off the bench as Tallent went with a three guard offense for part of the game. He scored five points.

The win raises GW's record to 9-6 while at the same time lowers West Virginia's, the ECAC's Southern Division leaders, to 10-5, meaning the Buff are only one game away from the top spot.

The Colonials will try to extend their winning streak to six Wednesday night when the Midshipmen of Navy come to Ft. Myer for a 8 p.m. game. The Colonials have not had a six game streak since 1968-69 when they won their first six games of the season. They were then led by now head coach Bob Tallent.

Tickets for the Navy game may be picked up starting Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Athletic Office through Wednesday at 5 p.m. Buses will leave the Center at 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Pat Tallent, shown here against Catholic, has been scoring at a 28.5 clip for the last four games including 30 points against West Virginia Saturday. (photo by Martha Howison)

GEORGE WASHINGTON					
	FG	FT	R	PF	T
G. Miller	4-8	0-0	8	5	8
Anderson	4-13	0-0	7	5	8
Burwell	1-5	4-4	8	5	6
Tallent	11-17	8-8	4	2	30
Holloran	5-6	0-1	0	4	10
Morris	0-1	33-4	2	3	5
Shanta	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
Hall	4-9	4-7	10	2	12
Peters	2-3	0-1	3	1	4
Totals	32-64	19-26	44	28	83

WEST VIRGINIA					
	FG	FT	R	PF	T
Anderson	6-16	6-9	5	4	12
Boskovich	3-10	3-5	5	5	9
Baker	10-18	4-5	10	4	24
Hall	3-11	3-7	7	4	9
Huggins	2-3	0-0	2	5	4
MacDonald	3-9	1-2	9	1	1
McCardle	0-2	0-0	0	1	0
Faust	2-5	0-0	1	0	4
Bostick	0-1	0-2	1	1	0
Scoggs	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	29-76	17-30	40	25	75
Halftime: GW, 38-35.					
Attendance: 8,980.					

Colonials Crush Cardinals

by Mark Potts
Hatchet Staff Writer

The red hot Colonials extended their winning streak to four games Thursday night, scoring 57 points in the second half to rout Catholic, 101-72.

The 57 point half tied a similar outpouring against Richmond for the most points scored in a half this season and the 101 point total fell just two short of 103 reached against Delaware in the season's opener.

The Colonials controlled the game from the start, jumping out to an early lead against the young Cardinal team, which started three freshmen and two sophomores. Catholic managed to tie the game with seven minutes elapsed, but the Buff then came alive, virtually shutting out the Cards offensively and decimating their defense to take a 21-14 lead. It was the closest the Cardinals were to come for the rest of the night as GW went in at half time with a 45-32 lead.

The Cardinals came out in the second half fired up, closing quickly to within nine points of the Buff and looking very impressive. GW coach Bob Tallent then called time out, and when the game resumed, the Colonials proceeded to blow the Cardinals off the court. Eight minutes later, the Buff held a 73-45 lead.

The Colonials played superb basketball during the hot stretch, hitting practically everything they shot, with every GW player on the court contributing. The Cardinals later closed to within 21 points, 79-58, but again, the Buff got hot and reopened their huge lead, this time with the second string unit providing the big plays. Only a basket at the buzzer by Catholic's Mike McNally, who had a game high 30 points, kept the Buff from achieving a 30 point rout.

Pat Tallent and Clyde Burwell led the Buff with 20 points apiece, and Burwell could have scored more but

was forced to sit out much of the second half with foul trouble. They were followed by John Holloran, with 14 points, Leslie Anderson at 12, and Greg Miller chipped in 11 for the Colonials. In addition, Burwell was outstanding defensively as he blocked four shots, and pulled down 14 rebounds.

The only dark note on the night for the Colonials was the benching by coach Tallent of starting guard Keith Morris who has yet to display last season's form.

Sports Shorts

There will be a meeting Friday, January 31 at 1 p.m. in the Women's Gym, Bldg. K, for all undergraduate women interested in playing varsity tennis. For further information contact Mitchell Sussman (785-4641).

The GW Collegiate Bowling league will start on Tuesday, January 28 at 8:30 p.m. All interested students should come to the Game Room, fifth floor of the Center, at that time.

The GW wrestling team will hold its second and final home match of the season this Saturday at 3 p.m. against Howard in the Tin Tabernacle.

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